

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. Diem, apparently torn between family loyalties and public duty, is reluctant to silence Madame Nhu.

b. Ambassador Nolting thinks she is out of control of everybody, including her immediate family.

c. Most cabinet members feel the eleventh hour has come for Diem to demonstrate firm control of the government, and deal personally and decisively with the Buddhists.

2. West Germany -
Israel

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3. Cuba-UK

a. London insists it cannot legally refuse to let Cuban civil aircraft make technical stops in British colonies.

b. Cuban planes accordingly have recently landed at Grand Cayman island to transfer passengers, some of whom we believe to be Communist agents heading for Latin America.

c. British officials say they plan shortly to begin requiring transit visas of all persons who change planes in British territories en route to and from Cuba, but they admit this procedure will not be enforceable in British Guiana.

4. Malaysia

a. British officials have fixed on 14 September as the new Malaysia date.

b. London expects U Thant to announce shortly that his survey will be completed by 9 September. The British will use this completion date as a peg for announcing 14 September.

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d. The Thai Foreign Minister told the US Embassy last week the danger of Indonesian aggression is "no joke."

5. Argentina

a. President-elect Illia, after his inauguration in October, plans to legalize the Argentine Communist Party.

b. Illia thinks a new security law will keep the Communists under control, while legality will smoke out many influential persons who have been serving the Communist cause secretly.

NOTES

- A. Pakistan Leaders of the opposition parties have asked former Prime Minister Suhrawardy to return from London within three weeks to head an all-out political campaign against Ayub. These leaders are said particularly to oppose Ayub's rapprochement with Communist China.
- B. India We think Nehru and his Congress Party are in for some rough handling in the parliamentary session which opened today. The opposition may for the first time succeed in tabling a no-confidence motion, although with no chance of passing it. A major cabinet shake-up, however, seems unlikely at this time.
- C. Morocco The King's principal adviser has asked that we stop removal of equipment from the US air bases, charging that they are being "stripped" and will be "useless" when Morocco takes them over late this year. The Moroccans admit, however, they have no plans to pay for the material they want left in place.
- D. Austria - East Germany Despite assurances that the East German airline's landing rights in Vienna would not be renewed after 31 July, the Austrians have been granting it permission for "regularly non-scheduled" flights.
- E. Congo (Brazzaville) The rioting this morning in Brazzaville was apparently caused by disgruntled workers. There are no indications that Youlou's government is in immediate danger.